



RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1742

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

: **Confirmation No. 8950**

Sakae NISHIGORI et al.

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2003, having a three (3) month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire August 23, 2003, a petition for a (3) month extension of time up to and including November 23, 2003, being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: